

STATE BOARD OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH

Minutes of October 14, 2008
Department of Human Services
Salt Lake City, Utah
1:00 pm

Attended:

Board Members:

Dr. Michael Crookston, Chair
Paula Bell, Vice Chair
Jolene Meredith

Nora B Stephens
Darryl Wagner
Lou Callister

Excused:

James Ashworth

Staff:

Mark Payne
Ron Stromberg
Brent Kelsey

Dallas Earnshaw
Tracy Luoma
Jan Fryer

Guests:

Eric Evans
Matt Anderson

AGENDA	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTION
Welcome and Introductions	Dr. Crookston opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.	
Approval of Sept. 9, 2008 Meeting Minutes		Paula moved that the minutes of the September 9 th Board meeting be approved as written. Motion seconded by Lou and approved unanimously.
Utah State Hospital	<p>Dallas reported that Senators' Bramble and Lockhart recently visited the State Hospital and met with their Executive Team and other managers and key leaders in the various departments at the Hospital. Privatization issues and the role of the Hospital in the state and the mental health system were discussed. Dallas reported that the focus is now turning to the forensic area of operation due to the pressure with overcrowding and the waiting list. He noted that a study will be supported to determine if a private public partnership in the area of forensics is feasible.</p> <p>Dallas reported that they presented to the Building Board on the Hospital's building consolidation project and indicated that the prioritization of this project will be known on Thursday during a meeting of the Building Board. Dallas indicated that he would be attending to respond to any questions that may arise, and it is hopeful that the project will be prioritized as number one or two.</p> <p>Dallas provided information on recent changes with the physician staff at the Hospital. He also reported that the open house for the new history museum at the Hospital was well attended and very successful. Excellent media coverage was provided by both radio and television. The museum is open to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays.</p> <p>Dallas reported that the waiting list for forensics has received a lot of positive media coverage the past two weeks as a result of the Hospital's response to the recent Legislative Audit. He reported on the work that has been accomplished to help minimize and better manage the waiting list.</p> <p>Mark announced that Dallas was recognized this past week as honored alumni at BYU and noted that Dallas gave an alumni lecture at BYU. Board members congratulated Dallas.</p>	FYI.
Utah Behavioral Healthcare Network	Harold Morrill updated the Board on recent UBHN activities and reported that the charter for UBHN has been rewritten and a budget prepared for next year. He indicated that both documents will be presented to the UBHN organization as well as the Utah Association of Counties for a vote at their	FYI.

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Utah Behavioral Healthcare Network (continued)	annual fall meetings in November; and if adopted, UBHN will proceed with advertising for a permanent Executive Director. He reported that once this position has been filled, he will then resign. Harold also reported that UBHN is currently trying to deal with the issues at hand, such as match requirements for Title XIX money, establishing rates for next year, as well as challenges with cash flow within the centers at the county level. Mark and the Board expressed their appreciation to Harold for his outstanding efforts with the activities of UBHN over the past several months.	
Update on Board Reappointments	Mark reported that per the request of the Board at their last meeting, a memo was submitted to Lisa-Michele Church recommending that Dr. Crookston and Jolene be reappointed to serve for another term on the Board. Mark indicated that the recommendations have been forwarded to the Governor's office and word was received that both will go to the Senate for confirmation on October 15 th . It was noted that Nora B's term also expired; however, she has indicated that she is unable to serve another term. The terms of the four remaining Board members were discussed and concerns were raised that the terms for these members all expire in 2010; and, that with the exception of Lou, they are not eligible for reappointment because they have served two four year terms. Lou was appointed to the Board in June of 2006 filling an unexpired term. Mark referred to the section in the Board's By-laws regarding the membership and the appointment of Board members for overlapping terms so that changes in Board membership in any one year do not exceed two-sevenths of the Board positions. Mark noted that the Governor's Office defines the appointment and terms of Board members, however, it may be possible to make a recommendation to the Governor's office to make the appointments in line with the Board's By-laws. There was a lengthy discussion, and possible suggestions for resolution included changing the expirations of two Board members so that they expire in 2009 and to also consider appointing new Board members for less than a four year term.	The Board agreed that the Board's By-laws reflect what is best for the continuity of the Board and should remain as written. The Board requested that Mark contact the Board liaison in the Governor's office and inform them of the Board's current By-laws and request that they consider staggering the terms so that they coincide with the By-laws and report back at the next meeting.
Report from Nominating Committee Re: Election of New Board Officers	<p>Mark reported that at the last meeting, the Board agreed to table this agenda item to see if the Board reappointments and new appointment had been made. Mark reported that this has not yet occurred, however, as previously mentioned, Senate confirmation is scheduled for October 15th. A recommendation to fill Nora B's appointment on the Board has not yet been made.</p> <p>Dr. Crookston asked if there are recommendations from the nominating Committee for new officers. Joleen indicated that it was her understanding that Paula would become Chair because she has been serving as Vice-Chair. Nora B commented that she thought the Board had elected to change the By-laws to direct that the Vice-chair would automatically move into the Chair position. There was discussion and the By-Laws were referred to and determined that the Board had discussed this change; however, it was not voted upon and therefore this revision was not made. Dr. Crookston suggested that in the absence of having this reflected in the By-laws, that a motion be made to make this change. He further suggested that the Board proceed in selecting a Chair and Vice-chair at today's meeting.</p>	<p>Nora B moved that Paula Bell, current Vice-chair assume the duties of Chair. Motion seconded by Joleen and approved unanimously. Joleen moved that Lou Callister be nominated for Vice-chair. Lou declined. Joleen then moved that Darryl be nominated to serve as Vice-chair. Motion seconded by Lou and approved unanimously.</p> <p>Nora B moved that Division staff revise the By-laws to reflect the action that occurred, i.e., the Vice-chair will automatically move into the position of Chair. Paula seconded the motion. There was a question on the motion, and there was discussion. Chair called for a vote on the motion and there was a tie vote. Motion does not pass.</p>

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Budget Cuts Update	Tracy Luoma presented information on the recent budget cuts for SFY09 and SFY10 for the Division and the State Hospital. Handouts were distributed and reviewed with the Board.	Further updates regarding budget cuts will be provided at the December 2 nd Board meeting.
Fall Substance Abuse Conference Update	Brent Kelsey reported on the recent Fall Substance Abuse Conference and recognized Nora B for the award she received at the conference. He reported that 570 people attended the conference which is an increase over past years. Positive feedback was received from those attending, and the keynote speakers were well received. Brent reported that the 2009 substance abuse conference will partner with NAADAC (National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors), who is holding their national conference in Salt Lake City at the Grand America Hotel in late August. Brent reported that NAADAC has agreed to allow the Division to participate on the planning committee for the conference. He indicated that this partnership provides an opportunity to bring in more national caliber speakers. He noted that the goal, through the planning process, is to assure that as many people in the system that have traditionally attended the fall conference will have the opportunity to attend the national conference.	FYI.
Other Business	<p>Mark Payne mentioned the mental health and substance abuse parity legislation that was recently passed as part of the bailout of the economy. He indicated that parity laws were previously passed, and efforts will be made to sort out what the recent legislation means for Utah and to those who carry these insurance plans. Mark noted that continued efforts will be made to assure good coverage for families and individuals dealing with these issues.</p> <p>Mark informed the Board that the Division is currently finalizing several reports that will soon be released, which include, 1) Consumer Satisfaction Report; 2) Drug Court/Drug Board Report, and 3) the Women and Children's Treatment Services Report. Mark also reported that the first draft of the mental health scorecard is out for review by the local areas, as well as a report that shows the average cost of client by service categories for the various areas. All of these reports will be presented and discussed at the upcoming UBHN/UAC annual meetings in St. George in November.</p> <p>Darryl Wagner reported that he had met with Abbott Laboratories and they presented information to him about the many problems and issues related to teenage abuse of prescription drugs. Darryl noted that they are willing to partner with the state in getting pamphlets and posters distributed throughout high schools in the state and asked about the state's interest in collaborating with Abbott in this effort. Brent reported that a campaign is currently in place at the Department of Health and suggested that Abbott get in touch with the existing Prescription Drug Task Force and also invite them to attend the Utah Prevention Advisory Council. Darryl will provide Brent with the contact information for Abbott.</p>	Lou made a motion of appreciation to Dr. Crookston for his exemplary service as Board Chair for the past two years. He recognized Dr. Crookston for his dedication on the Board as a member for the past six years and for his willingness to participate in various other activities and meetings as requested. Motion seconded by Paula and approved unanimously.
Adjournment		Darryl moved that the meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by Paula and approved unanimously.